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Holcomb reveals next stage of re-opening plan

In Stage 3, Hoosiers 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions – who are the most vulnerable to the coronavirus – should remain at home as much as possible. Face coverings in public places are recommended. Hoosiers who can work from home are encouraged to continue to do so. Social gatherings of up to 100 people will be permitted following the CDC's social distancing guidelines. Retail and commercial businesses may open at 75 percent capacity. Shopping malls can open at 75 percent capacity with indoor common areas restricted to 50 percent capacity. Gyms, fitness centers, yoga studios, martial

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IUK promises \$1K scholarships to 233 local eighth-graders

Upon admission after high school, funds may be used for tuition

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Indiana University Kokomo (IUK) awarded \$1,000 scholarship certificates to 233 Wabash County eighth grade students, according to Melissa Ford, development associate at the

Community Foundation of Wabash County.

Upon admission to IUK after high school, the \$1,000 scholarships will be available for those students to use toward the cost of tuition.

These 233 students received IUK's scholarship certificates because they participated in the Community Foundation's Early Award Scholarship (EAS) program, which is part of the fourth through eighth grade curriculum at Wabash County schools. "The Community Foundation of

Wabash County and IUK are natural partners in the effort to help young students see training and education as a pathway to a successful life – one that is possible because their community believes in them," stated Ford.

Because schools are not holding end-of-year award ceremonies due to the pandemic, the IUK certificates have been mailed to students' homes.

Since IU Kokomo began this partnership with the Community Foun-

dation of Wabash County four years ago, scholarship certificates worth \$619,000 have been awarded to Wabash County eighth grade students.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Tuesday, Joanne Case, Promise Scholarship program director, stated IUK came forward in the spring of 2017 to offer the certificate to Wabash County eighth grade students who are enrolled in the Community Foundation's Promise Early

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Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Even after re-opening, the children's department playroom, shown here, and computer area will remain closed.

NMPL moves toward re-opening

Library plans to once again open its doors June 15

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

With the support of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) board and the Wabash County Health Department, the NMPL plans to re-open the building to the public Monday, June 15, according to Jeanna Hann, adult department manager and marketing coordinator.

This date will coincide with Stage 4 of the Gov. Eric Holcomb's Back On Track Indiana plan.

Last week, the Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) made a

similar announcement, also following the same timeline.

The NMPL will be open between 11 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday for seniors and those who are immune-compromised. The NMPL will then open to the general public from noon to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and from noon to 3 p.m. Fridays.

"The library will limit the number of adult department computers available to ensure that social distancing recommendations are followed. The children's department playroom and computer area will remain closed. During this stage, children will also need to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver when visiting the library," stated Hann. "Staff will wear personal

protective equipment and the library has purchased sneeze guards to place at all circulation desks. Following CDC guidelines, the library will continue to disinfect and quarantine all returned items, as well as maintaining elevated cleaning and sanitizing procedures of public areas. Sanitizer stations will be set up all over the library for patron use. While the library is not requiring patrons to wear PPE, patrons are encouraged to wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines when visiting the library. Even after reopening, the library will continue to offer Curbside Services and Document Days."

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

Duke Energy cautions against scammers during pandemic

Typically, customer receives an unsolicited phone call

STAFF REPORT

Duke Energy is warning its Indiana customers to be on guard against phone calls from scammers who are demanding that utility customers pay their electric bill immediately or risk having their electric service disconnected within the hour, according to Angeline Protogere, strategic public relations consultant.

"Scammers often try and take advantage of people during a crisis," stated Duke Energy Indiana president Stan Pinegar. "Because of the pandemic, we've temporarily suspended disconnections for nonpayment. We've had increased reports of scammers, though, threatening disconnections. The best way to defend yourself against these scammers is to recognize how the scam works and understand that Duke Energy never asks customers for prepaid debit cards."

Typically, the customer receives an

unsolicited phone call – sometimes an automated call – from an individual who falsely claims to be a Duke Energy representative demanding immediate payment, usually in the form of a prepaid debit card. Scammers have even duplicated the Duke Energy upfront Interactive Voice Response system, so when customers call back phone numbers provided by the scammer, it sounds like a legitimate Duke Energy phone number. Some of these criminals also use caller-ID spoofing to replicate a utility's customer service number.

Customers should watch out for red flags including:

■ The caller becomes angry and tells the customer his or her account is past due, and service will be disconnected if a large payment isn't made – usually within the hour.

■ The caller instructs the customer to purchase a pre-paid debit or credit card – widely available at retail stores – then call him or her back to supposedly make

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BMV administrative fees to resume July 1

These costs had previously been waived since March 16

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has announced administrative penalty fees will resume July 1, according to a press release.

All Hoosiers with expired driver's licenses, permits, state identification cards and vehicle registrations need to complete renewal transactions before July 1 to avoid paying an administrative penalty fee. Title transactions and new vehicle registration must also be completed before July 1.

Administrative fees have been waived since March 16 to assist the needs of Hoosiers who were not able to utilize

in-branch services due to the public health emergency created by novel Coronavirus, COVID-19. During this time, online credit card transaction fees were also waived. Those fees will resume July 1. Online transactions paid by electronic check, using checking account and routing numbers, do not incur a fee.

"It is critical Hoosiers whose renewal deadline has passed or is upcoming, who need to complete a title transfer or register a new vehicle, schedule an appointment with the BMV to complete their transaction before the June 30 deadline," stated the release.

To schedule an appointment, visit <https://secure.in.gov/apps/waittimes/Schedule/Welcome.aspx>.

For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

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Summer Music Series moving to 13-24 Drive In

Honeywell Center summer entertainment tradition to begin June 10

STAFF REPORT

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series is moving to the 13-24 Drive In as an additional form of drive in entertainment, according to Morgan Ellis, public relations and marketing coordinator.

Usually scheduled to take place on the Honeywell Center Plaza along Market Street, the new Drive In Summer Music Series will feature four performing groups between Wednesday, June 10 and Wednesday, July 1.

The Drive In Summer Music Series lineup includes:

■ The Moon Cats – Wednesday, June 10: The Moon Cats, a four-member band, play a variety of hits from the '50s and '60s including Elvis, The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Hank Williams, Jack Scott and more.

■ Soul Shot – Wednesday, June 17: Soul Shot features Bobby Velasquez and John Kirkwood and many other seasoned musicians including Darrell Ellison, Ben Black, John Hancock and Wesley Kirkwood. Soul Shot plays classic rock and other genres including dance, oldies, disco, blues and more.

■ Mason Dixon Line Band – Wednesday, June 24: Mason Dixon Line Band is one of Fort Wayne's

Homeland Foundation scholarships open; applications due June 15

STAFF REPORT

Indiana college students who volunteer with a public safety organization can now apply for the fiscal year 2021 round of the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation scholarship, according to a press release.

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation scholarship offers higher education financial assistance for Indiana students who wish to pursue a degree.

A full-time student with at least 12 credit hours per semester is eligible for a \$2,000 scholarship and a

part-time student with at least six hours per semester is eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship must be used during the awarded school year, and the funds are intended solely to reimburse eligible student educational expenses.

Eligible applicants include Indiana residents who are an incoming or continuing student who:

- Attends or will be attending an accredited Indiana college.
- Must have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Volunteers at a public

safety organization such as fire, law enforcement, emergency management or emergency medical services (validated by chief executive).

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation board will determine compliance eligibility. For more information on the compliance of an organization email grants@dhs.in.gov.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Monday, June 15. For more information, or to sign up for email updates about the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation scholarship, visit dhs.in.gov/foundation-scholarship.htm.

COVID-19-related educational resources available

STAFF REPORT

IDOE announces at-home learning initiative

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), in partnership with Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations (IPBS), announced Monday a partnership to offer at-home learning experiences for K-12 students, aligned to Indiana curriculum standards. Developed with the input of educators, PBS LearningMedia offers free, Indiana standards-aligned resources contextualized for educational use. The resources include grab-and-go activities, lesson plans, interactive lessons and media that illustrate specific topics or themes, and support materials across multiple subjects. For more information and access to PBS LearningMedia, visit www.pbslearningmedia.org. To view current schedules for the grade level and subject programming, as well as correlating materials,

please visit www.doe.in.gov/learn ing/2020-covid-19-remote-learning. Also, you can visit the IPBS website of the TV station nearest you. For a map of regional IPBS television stations, please visit www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/news/ipbs-tv-locator-map-040320.pdf.

Educators creating face shields for medical staff

Administrators and instructors at the Heartland Career Center have been working to produce face shields for hospital and medical staff, a component of the personal protective equipment, or PPE. Anyone interested in the project may email mhobbs@hcc.k12.in.us.

Access Youth Center offers free lunch sack on weekdays at two locations

The Access Youth Center's Drive-Thru will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday

through Friday and feature a lunch sack of snacks, protein and fruit provided at the door. Both locations will be open during this time: One on the south side, New Journey Community Church, 1721 N. Vernon St. and one downtown at the AYC headquarters at 74 W. Canal St. For more information, visit www.accessyouthcenter.org or call 260-563-2070.

Manchester Univ. accepting campus food pantry donations

The pantry serves 20 to 25 students a week. Donations may be made at https://www.manchester.edu/alumni/campus-pantry-donation-form.

NMPL reschedules St. Paddy's Golden Egg Hunt

The free, all-ages event, now a "Summer Reading Themed Egg Hunt," has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13 at the North Manchester Public Library.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Few Showers 82 / 69	 Thursday Few Showers 79 / 66	 Friday Few Showers 71 / 56	 Saturday Sunny 68 / 52	 Sunday Mostly Sunny 67 / 54
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:20 a.m.

 First 5/29	 Full 6/5	 Last 6/13	 New 6/21
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 60% chance of showers, high temperature of 82°, humidity of 56%. South southeast wind 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 65% chance of showers, overnight low of 69°. South southeast wind 2 to 8 mph.

Dropped bladder has different levels of severity

DEAR DOCTOR: I'm a 75-year-old woman and have been diagnosed with a

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



dropped bladder due to a hysterectomy in my mid-40s. I have discomfort, particularly when I walk a long distance or do heavy lifting; some leakage problems; and frequently have UTIs. What can be done?

DEAR READER: A prolapsed bladder, also known as a fall bladder, or cystocele, is common after a hysterectomy. It's due to the drop in estrogen levels that occurs after the uterus and ovaries are removed. Estrogen, the primary female sex hormone, plays an important role in keeping the pelvic tissues toned and strong. Additional causes of the condition can include physical stresses, such as childbirth, frequent straining due to constipation or a chronic cough, heavy lifting and obesity. The decrease in estrogen that accompanies menopause can also contribute to bladder prolapse.

The condition is broken down into four separate stages, from mild to severe, depending on the degree to which the bladder has dropped. Women with a mild case – Stage 1 – may not experience any symptoms. When the condition is more advanced, symptoms include the discomfort, stress incontinence and frequent urinary tract infections that you mentioned, as well as lower back pain, difficulty with urination or bowel movements, pain during intercourse and a bulge of tissue from the vagina. In the most advanced cases – Stage 4 – the entire bladder protrudes.

Treatment depends on how far the bladder has dropped, as well as variables such as age, medical history, general health and personal preferences. In moderate cases, nonsurgical treatments can help. These include estrogen replacement therapy, which can be administered in a patch, as a pill or in a cream, and is used to strengthen the tissues that support the bladder. Kegel exercises, which are deliberate contractions of the muscles that you use to control urination, strengthen the pelvic floor. Electrical stimulation is used to trigger muscle contractions and build strength and tone, and some women have success

with biofeedback.

Another nonsurgical option is a pessary. That's a rubbery, donutlike device that is inserted into the vagina, much like a diaphragm. The pessary provides physical support. It can ease discomfort and has been shown to help with urinary control. It generally takes just one office visit with a urologist to be measured and fitted with the appropriate device. After that, pessaries require monthly cleaning. Depending on the device, this can be done at home, or it may need to be done in the urologist's office. Many women do well with a pessary, while others experience discomfort or irritation. Infections are possible, but when a pessary is fitted and cleaned properly, the risk is small.

For severe cases of bladder prolapse, or when the less-invasive methods of managing the condition are not successful, reconstructive surgery may be needed. The goal is to return the bladder to its proper position. Before opting for surgical repair, be sure to learn all about the procedure you will have, as well as the potential risks, benefits and other options available.

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Margaret E. Johnson

Aug. 7, 1924 – May 24, 2020

Margaret E. Johnson, 95, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born August 7, 1924 in Lewistown, Illinois to Ross and Lillian (Raker) Stevens.

After a chance encounter during a fishing trip with her father, Margaret met the love of her life, William Johnson, whom she married in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 1, 1943. They moved around the states during his time in the Army Air Corps and eventually settled down in Arvada, Colorado. There, they raised a family and grew a meaningful and successful business centered around supporting the troops overseas. “It’s for the boys in Vietnam” was her most used phrase during that time. From 1965 -75 Margaret would find parts and equipment to keep a US Army and Navy workshop going in Saigon during the war. Afterwards, she worked with her husband managing Western Diesel in Grand Junction, Colorado. William died July 1, 2000, and Margaret relocated to Wabash, Indiana to be closer to her daughters in 2000. She has spent the last twenty years being active and heavily involved in the community. She loved to work in her garden tending flowers and green tomatoes. She enjoyed hosting parties and playing gin rummy. She supported the Honeywell Center by attending events and parties whenever possible. Margaret’s energy and enthusiasm for life never subsided with age. Loved by all and special to so many – her wisdom, humor, civility and love will be heavily missed and live forever in the hearts she touched. She is survived by three



children, Delbert R. (Mary) Johnson of Longmont, Colorado, Martha C. (Michael) Harding of Angola, Indiana, and Mary L. Hettmansperger of Wabash, Indiana, four grandchildren, Jenny Johnson of St. Augustine, Florida, Mark (Megan) Johnson of Castle Rock, Colorado, Abbey Fowler of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and, Logan Hettmansperger of Wabash, her great-granddaughter, Zoie Fowler of Grand Rapids, her niece, Laura (Michael Arndt) Stevens of Wabash, and many other extended family. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Robert Stevens.

Graveside services and burial will be 1 pm, CST, Thursday, May 28, 2020 at White Chapel Cemetery, 24550 N. County Road 6, Canton, Illinois. A Celebration of Life service will be held later this summer, date and location to be determined. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service of Wabash is in charge of arrangements. Preferred memorial is Honeywell Foundation, 275 W. Market Street, Wabash, IN 46992.

The memorial guest book for Margaret may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

James ‘Jim’ Michael Black Jr.

March 16, 1967 – May 25, 2020

James “Jim” Michael Black, Jr., 53, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 7 a.m., Monday, May 25, 2020 at his home. He was born March 16, 1967 in Wabash, to James M. Sr. and Patricia P. (Pattee) Black.

Jim enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, collecting eagles, and his cat.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia P. Black of Wabash, two daughters, Sara Shupperd of Peru, Indiana, and Tisha Handing of Savannah, Tennessee, five grandchildren, brother, Jay Pattee



and sister, Rhonda (Mark) Hensley, both of Wabash, and 12 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, James M. Black, Sr.

Friends may call 3:30-5 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Animal Shelter of Wabash County.

The memorial guest book for Jim may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

June Nadine Stamper

May 23, 1946 – May 25, 2020

June Nadine Stamper, 74, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:43 a.m., Monday, May 25, 2020 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. She was born May 23, 1946 in Elliott County, Kentucky to Ollie Brown and Faye (Jenkins) Fannin.

June retired from General Tire in Wabash, and also worked part time at the Laundry Mat on Cass Street in Wabash. She attended Christian Heritage Church in Wabash. She enjoyed traveling, reading her Bible, family gatherings, cooking, and her pets.

She is survived by two sons, Rick Stamper of Columbia City, Indiana, and Steve (Billie Jo) Stamper of Wabash, two grandchildren, Devan (Chad) Lambert of North Manchester, Indiana and Sidney Stamper of Wabash, two great-grand-



children, Makenlie Lambert and Ashlynn Lambert, both of North Manchester, brothers and sisters, Charles Brown of Wabash, Billy (Deb) Brown of Roann, Indiana, Evon Brown, Ida Stamper, Sue Keeton, and Ronnie Brown, all of Morehead, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters Sandy Becknell and Betty DeHart.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Entombment will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for June may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Indiana’s confirmed, presumed COVID-19 deaths pass 2,000

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Another 18 Hoosiers have died from COVID-19, raising Indiana’s confirmed or presumed fatalities from the respiratory disease caused by the coronavirus to more than 2,000, state health officials said Tuesday.

The 18 additional confirmed deaths occurred between Friday and Monday, bringing to 1,850 the number of Hoosiers confirmed to have died from COVID-19, the Indiana State Department of Health said.

Another 154 people have died from probable infections of COVID-19, boosting Indiana’s confirmed or presumed deaths to 2,004 since the first one was recorded on March 15, according to data posted on the state agency’s coronavirus dashboard.

Another 373 Hoosiers

have been diagnosed with COVID-19, raising the state’s total confirmed number of cases to 32,078, the state health department said.

The state’s weekly update of pandemic deaths at the state’s nursing homes, released each Monday, shows that deaths at those homes increased by 144 to 876 in a week. That number now accounts for nearly 44 percent of Indiana’s toll from both confirmed and presumed COVID-19 deaths.

To date, 230,749 COVID-19 test results have been reported to the state agency, and 13.9 percent of those tests have come back as positive for the coronavirus.

The tests are available to those with symptoms of the respiratory illness, those in close contact with someone infected and people with high-risk health conditions.

Wabash student Ava Smith named to Albion College Dean’s List

STAFF REPORT

Wabash student Ava Smith was named to Albion College’s spring 2020 Dean’s List, according to a press release.

Dean’s List honors are given to students who

achieve a 3.5 or better GPA in four graded courses.

Smith is majoring in kinesiology and exercise science. Smith is the child of Michael Smith and Julianne Tiede-Smith of Wabash and is a graduate of Northfield High School.

Local students graduate from Trine University

STAFF REPORT

Students on Trine University’s main campus completed degrees at the end of the Spring 2020 semester, according to a press release.

The following area students completed degrees:

■ Claire Barnett, of North Manchester, bachelor of science in biomedical engineering

■ Dylan Brown, of Wabash, bachelor of science in biology

■ Drew Clark, of Urbana, bachelor of science in chemical engineering

■ Jaycee Parrett, of Wabash, BSBA in management

■ Jacklyn Peas, of Lagro, BSBA in management

■ Drake Richter, of Wabash, bachelor of science in biology

Trump’s Republican convention demand comes amid Charlotte virus surge

By JONATHAN DREW, SARAH BLAKE MORGAN and GARY D. ROBERTSON

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — President Donald Trump’s demand for a full-capacity Republican convention in August is putting pressure on North Carolina health officials – and local Republicans – as coronavirus cases surge in the host county and statewide. Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper’s administration has refused to give in, though, responding with a letter demanding a written safety plan from organizers of the Republican National Convention, slated for August in Charlotte. Even local Republican officials note that Trump doesn’t have the power to unilaterally move the event scheduled to start in 90 days after two years of planning.

Asked about Trump’s tweets threatening to move the convention, Cooper said Tuesday he’s “not surprised at anything that happens on Twitter,” without mentioning the president by name. He said discussions with RNC organizers are continuing.

“We have asked them to present a plan on paper to us laying out the various options that we’ve already

discussed,” Cooper said. “They know we’re talking about a time that’s three months from now, so we have to have options regarding how this convention is going to be run depending on where we are with the virus in August.”

State Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy Cohen’s letter signed Monday asks Republican convention organizers for a written COVID-19 safety plan “as soon as possible,” noting that Cohen and Cooper discussed various scenarios with GOP officials by phone Friday. She wrote that it’s important to plan for multiple options because the “status of COVID-19 infections in our state and in the Charlotte area continues to rapidly evolve.”

By Tuesday, Mecklenburg County had at least 3,400 COVID-19 cases – more than twice the next-highest county – and 73 deaths, also the most in the state, according to state health officials. A third of the cases were tallied in the past two weeks. County officials said hospitalized patients with COVID-19 dropped from more than 100 in April to 75 by Monday.

Statewide, there were 24,000 cases as part of an upward trend that included 1,100 new cases Saturday, the

state’s largest daily increase yet. Nearly 800 people have died, according to data from Johns Hopkins University, giving the state the 21st highest death count.

Trump threatened Monday to move the convention if Cooper didn’t immediately agree to a full-capacity gathering. Pre-pandemic, Republicans estimated the convention would draw 50,000 visitors.

Cooper has gradually eased business restrictions. But entertainment venues, bars and restaurants remain closed under his current order that also caps indoor gatherings at 10 people.

Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel told Fox News Channel Tuesday that Cooper owes the GOP firmer answers.

“He has to work with us. Every state we talk to says we want to nominate the president here, but this governor is up for re-election and hasn’t given us the reassurances we need,” she said.

Republican governors in Georgia and Florida say they would welcome the convention if North Carolina falls through.

But Charlotte-area Republicans noted the RNC would have to break its contract to relocate.

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Award Scholarship program.

“I am not aware of colleges or trade schools that have done this sort of ‘early commitment’ before that time,” stated Case.

Case stated there is another similar scholarship in the works. It is brand new and is on a smaller scale for now.

“The Ted McNabney Spartan Award Endowment provides up to a \$2,000 scholarship upon a student’s graduation from a Wabash County high school. Students considering this scholarship must apply during their eighth grade school year, and attend one Manchester University event each semester in high school to earn money that will be placed into their Promise Early Award Scholarship fund held at the Community

Foundation,” stated Case. “Although the leaders of these colleges hope many of these students attend their college and redeem the scholarship, their larger goal is to lift the region’s educational attainment by helping young people plan for and picture themselves and one another in a technical school or college.”

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MUSIC

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best country bands. They have opened for sold-out concerts for Frank Foster, Colt Ford, Tyler Farr and Jerrod Niemann.

■ Mississinewa Valley Swing Band – Wednesday, July 1: The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band is a communi-

ty band, located in Grant County. The Swing Band is a 16-member ensemble that plays swing-era music at different area events.

The Drive In Summer Music Series is free and open to the public, first-come, first-serve. Gates will open at 4 p.m. Each performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m.

The 13-24 Drive In will be open at 50 percent capacity adhering to social

distancing measures including parking along the leftmost pole facing the screen and staff wearing facial coverings.

The concessions stand will not be open, but food from the Plaza Grille will be offered including hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, nachos and cheese, and more.

For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

SCAMMERS

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PULSE

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arts studios, and similar facilities may open with restrictions. Class sizes should be limited. Equipment must be spaced to accommodate social distancing and cleaned after each use. No contact activities are permitted. Community pools may open according to CDC guidance. Community tennis and basketball courts, soccer and baseball fields, YMCA programs, and similar facilities may open with social gathering and social distancing guidelines in place. Community recreational youth and adult sports leagues may resume practices and conditioning while adhering to social gathering and social distancing guidelines. Contact sports, such as lacrosse and football, are prohibited, but conditioning and non-contact drills may take place. Youth summer day camps may open on June 1. Raceways may open with restrictions and no spectators. Campgrounds may open restrictions, including social distancing and sanitation precautions. State park inns will reopen. Restaurants and bars with restaurant services may continue to operate at 50 percent capacity, but bar seating must remain closed. Personal services such as hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors may continue to be open by appointment only and must follow social distancing guidelines. Movie theaters and playgrounds, which had been projected to open in stage 3, will remain closed. Movie theaters are now projected to open along with other entertainment facilities and venues during stage 4. Playgrounds are to be determined. For more information, visit [BackOnTrack.in.gov](https://backontrack.in.gov).

Local absentee, early, in-person voting details announced

Any registered voter may vote by absentee for the June 2 primary election by requesting an absentee ballot. To request an absentee-by-mail application, call 260-563-

0661 ext. 1238. Wabash County voters may vote at OJ Neighbors school gymnasium, 1545 N Wabash St. Early voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, May 29, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 30. Voting will also take place at this location from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June 1. On June 2, Election Day, the only two places open to vote in Wabash County will be OJ Neighbors School gymnasium at 1545 N Wabash St., and North Manchester High School gymnasium, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

Second Harvest tailgate food distribution event set for Thursday

The event is set to last from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 28 at the Dallas L. Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. Distribution is while supplies last. No IDs, proof of address or need are required. All are welcome, regardless of home county. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. There will also be around 7,200 live plants to

divide up among 1,200 sacks. For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org.

Grow Wabash County launching Student Connection Network

Send your job and internship openings that you would like Wabash County students to apply for to chelsea@growwabashcounty.com by Thursday, May 28. To see the full list of job postings from Grow Wabash County investors, visit the job portal at <https://members.growwabashcounty.com/jobs/>.

Contestants sought for the 30th Annual Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. The deadline for applications is Thursday, May 28. Any Wabash County woman ages 17 to 21 who plans to further her education is eligible. Any woman from 17 years old to those already attending college and is not yet 22, is encouraged to enter. All college-age women need to be enrolled in the college for the 2020-2021 school year. Pageant directors are Kara Fulmer, Patty Meagher,

Teresa Ridgeway, Makayla Ridgeway and Bev Vanderpool. Applications for the pageant may be mailed in or dropped off at Wabash City Hall. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked "Scholarship Pageant." The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcountyfestivalsscholarshippageant, or contact any of the directors.

'Seussical the Musical' auditions set for May 30-31

Auditions for the upcoming Wabash Area Community Theater fall show "Seussical the Musical" will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 31 at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St. For anyone who can't make it to auditions, a special time has been set aside at 6 p.m. Monday, June 1 for an extra audition. Callbacks will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 1.

The age limit for those interested in the show is from 12 years and up. Anyone interested in auditioning should be prepared to sing 16 bars of their favorite song. For more information, call Beth Miller at 260-568-1128 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

25th annual WACCY golf outing prepares to tee off

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's 25th Annual WACCY Golf Outing, scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at the Honeywell Public Golf Course. Grow Wabash County has also scheduled a back-up date of Thursday, July 30 in the case that the social

distancing recommendations are still in effect come June. Registration is \$360 per four-person team. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/events, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

2021 spring comedy director sought

The Wabash Area Community Theater is looking for the director for their 2021 spring comedy to be performed in March 2021. Anyone interested in directing should submit a portfolio with their directing experience. The portfolio should also include information stating the name of the play, the plot, the size of the cast, set and prop requirements, and other details about the show. Applications for the director and show are being accepted until Friday, June 12, and can be mailed to WACT, P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992.

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Man’s serious health issues dominate 40-year marriage

DEAR ABBY: I married my husband 40 years ago. A few years later, he was diagnosed with diabetes. He refused to take care of himself and ended up with double leg amputations 13 years ago. He had prosthetics but wouldn’t use them. I stood by him and was his advocate, but he blamed me!

He has major health issues now, but I’m not too concerned. According to him, it’s “none of my business.” Family doesn’t care because he doesn’t care. My daughter blames me, but she doesn’t bother to have much contact with her father.



I have had enough of trying to help a man who doesn’t want help. This is a loveless marriage and has been for years. He’s also addicted to computer porn. He stays at a computer for hours, even when people are around. He doesn’t care who’s around. He broke his computer recently, and I have refused to allow him on mine, so he is angry at me for that too.

For most of our marriage I have worked outside the home. I still do. I would rather be out of the house than here with a husband who doesn’t care if I’m around or not. Please advise me what I can do. — Reached The Limit

DEAR REACHED: What you can do depends upon what you WANT to do. There must be a reason why you have remained in this loveless marriage as long as you have.

Since you asked, I do have a word of advice. Help your husband to get another computer. If you do, it may lessen some of the hostility that is ruling your household. He will be occupied, and you can do whatever you need to do to keep yourself sane.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are dealing with a terminal health condition, and many folks have offered to help, particularly in the area of providing meals, which we really appreciate. Recently, a family from our church brought us over a meal that included a nice entree, dessert, bread and breakfast pastries, all homemade. We enjoyed the entree, but quickly lost our appetites after opening the dessert to find a hair of unknown origin in it. We were, unfortunately, unable to enjoy the rest of the food because of this.

My dilemma is how to handle this with the family. I’m sure we will see them at church, and they have already reached out asking when they can bring us another meal. I don’t want to embarrass anyone, but neither do I think I can consume another one from them.

For what it’s worth, we have someone who comes in weekly who prepares meals for us (whom we pay). This has been a huge help because it alleviates the time and effort required to shop, cook and clean up for most of the work week because I work full time as well as care for my husband. How can I tactfully decline this family’s kind offers without coming right out and saying why we don’t want their food? — Grossed Out In The West

DEAR GROSSED OUT: It should not embarrass those nice people if you thank them for offering to send you more food, and tell them you no longer need food because you have hired someone who comes in and cooks for you. It’s short, sweet and it’s the truth.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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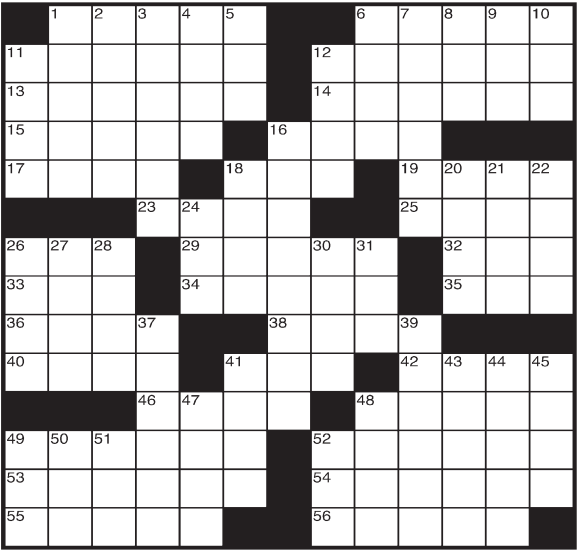
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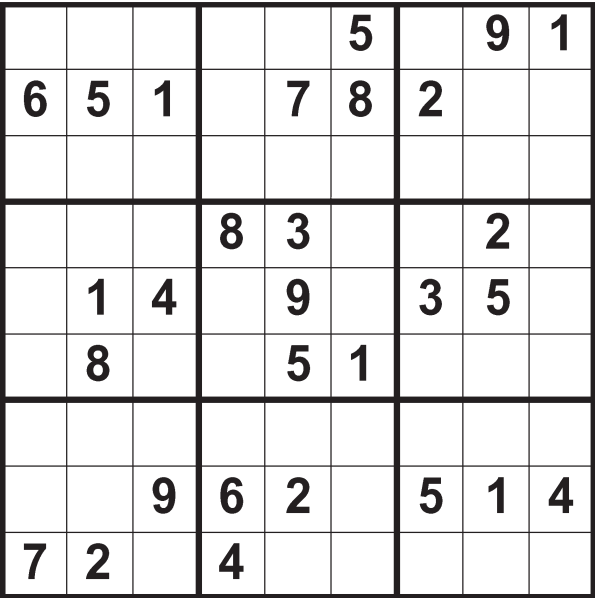


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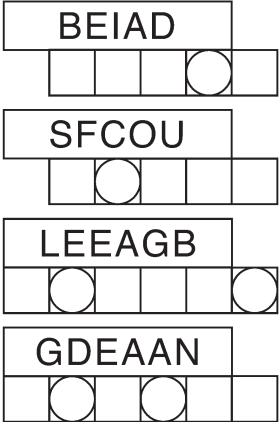
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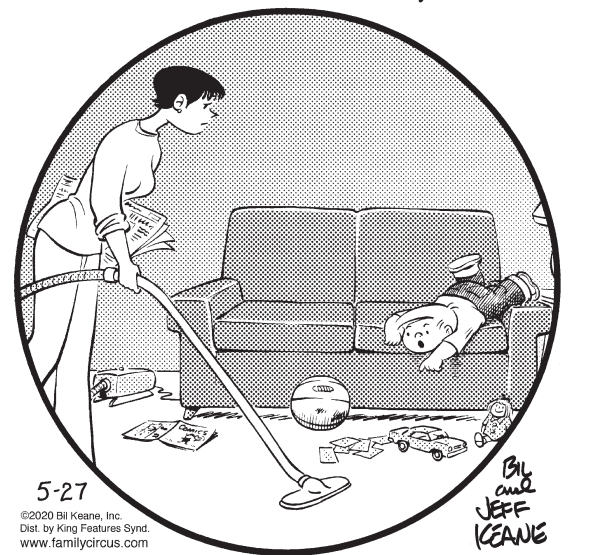


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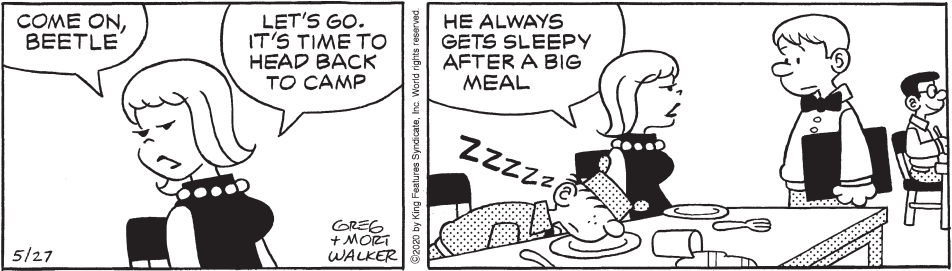


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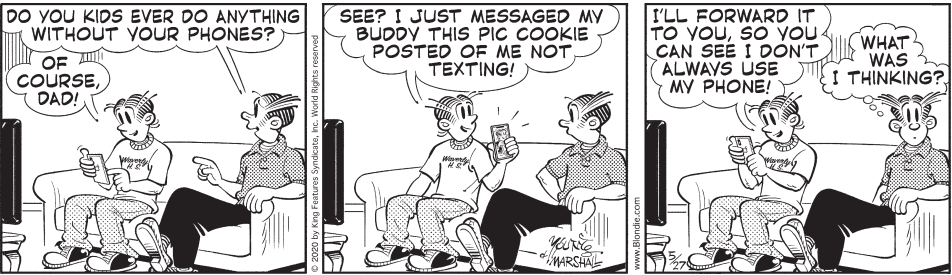
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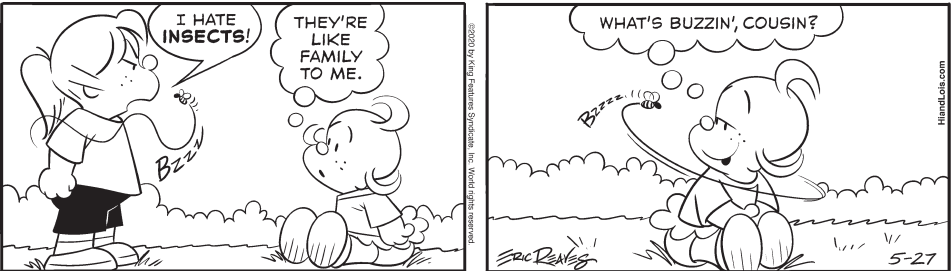
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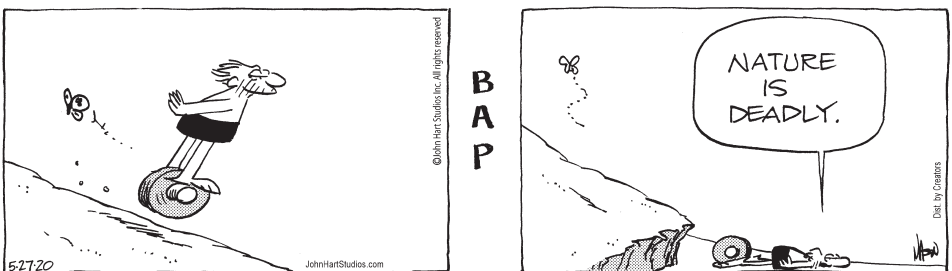
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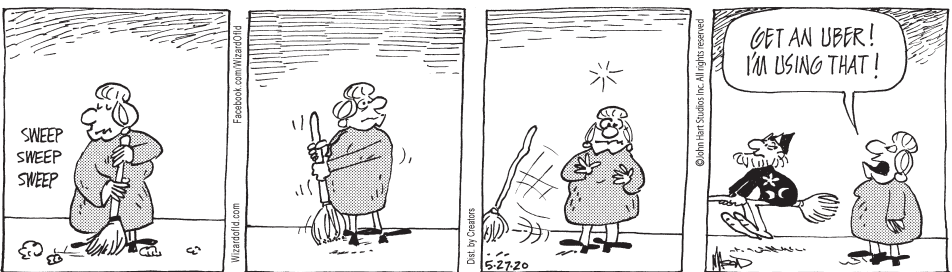
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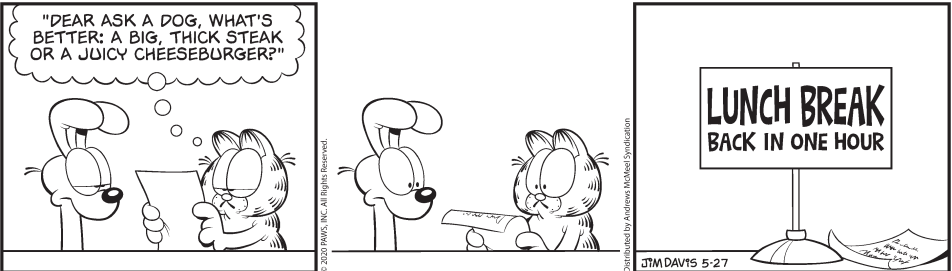
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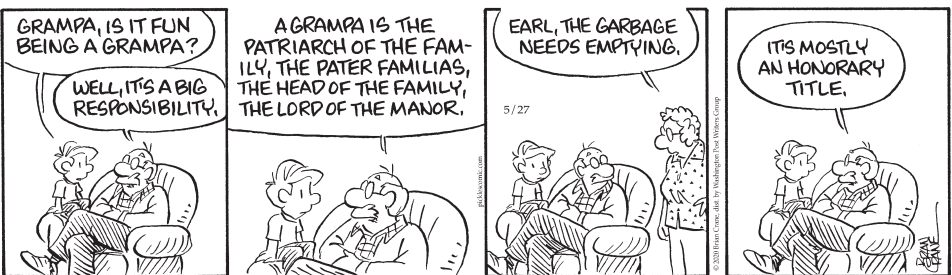
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Greatest comfort comes from the Word of God

Q: My mother is quite ill and when her friends talk to her they discourage her more than help her. I know they mean well but what is the best thing a person can do to encourage those suffering from illness? — C.F.

A: There are countless opportunities to comfort others, not only in the time of illness, but also in the daily distress that so often creeps into our lives. The greatest comfort comes from the Word of God; this is especially true in the midst of difficult times.

One of the many lessons learned through health crises is how better to help others going through similar valleys of despair. That is why it is always wise to be a good listener when others are suffering. There isn't much that

can be said to those who are hurting and we should ask God for wisdom — when to be silent and when to speak. Often it is not the words we say as much as encouraging others with our presence.

The Bible reminds us that there is a time for everything — a time to be born and a time to die (Ecclesiastes 3). So many testimonials speak of how God spoke to them in sickness and their personal faith in Him grew stronger. Someone recently said, “I could have never said this before cancer, but

now that I have completed my treatment and am on the road to recovery, I praise the Lord that He used it to open the door to tell others why I hope in the Lord!” Our own inadequacy should drive us to the Lord.

No one knows what a day may bring but Christians can point to the One who sees us through trials. “Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22-23).

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Hong Kong leader says security law not a threat to freedoms

By ZEN SOO
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong’s leader said Tuesday that national security legislation proposed by China’s legislature will not threaten the semi-autonomous territory’s civil rights, despite widespread criticism of the move as an encroachment on freedom of speech and assembly.

The city’s chief executive, Carrie Lam, told reporters that there was “no need for us to worry” over the move being considered by China’s ceremonial National People’s Congress.

“Hong Kong has proven that we uphold and preserve those values,” Lam said. “Hong Kong needs this piece of legislation for the bigger benefit of the great majority of Hong Kong people.”

Lam also said that transit service would resume at Hong Kong’s international airport on June 1, but that foreigners would still be banned from entering the city as part of measures to prevent a new wave of coronavirus infections.

In Washington, White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany said Tuesday that President Donald Trump is “displeased with China’s efforts and that it’s hard to see how Hong Kong can remain a financial hub, if China takes over.” She declined to elaborate when asked to explain the statement further.

The move by China to pass the legislation signals the central government’s determination to take greater control of Hong Kong after months of pro-democracy protests last year. Beijing has appointed new representatives in Hong Kong who follow the hard line laid down by Chinese

President Xi Jinping, who is also the head of the ruling Communist Party.

Such a move has long been under consideration and was hastened by last year’s street protests in the former British colony, which was returned to Chinese rule in 1997. Beijing promised that the territory could retain its own relatively liberal civil, legal and economic systems that contrast starkly with the much more centrally controlled and authoritarian system in mainland China.

Some “foreign politicians” have “expressed untrue opinions” about the plan to impose the law on Hong Kong, Lam said, without giving details.

She repeated claims that the law would only target “a minority,” citing concerns about terrorism and subversion.

Protesters have returned to Hong Kong’s streets to oppose the legislation, with thousands turning out on Sunday as police fired tear gas and deployed a water cannon to disperse the crowds. On Tuesday, over 100 protesters gathered at a luxury shopping mall in Hong Kong’s Central business district, condemning Lam and her administration.

The protests are a continuation of a monthslong pro-democracy movement that began last year and has at times descended into violence between police and demonstrators.

Hong Kong’s government is bound by Article 23 of the Basic Law – its mini-constitution – to enact laws to prohibit any act of treason, secession, sedition or subversion against China. It proposed legislation to do so in 2003, but withdrew it after hundreds of thousands of people came out to protest.

France deploys \$8.8 billion to rescue ailing car industry

By SYLVIE CORBET and ANGELA CHARLTON
Associated Press

PARIS — France’s government is injecting more than 8 billion euros (\$8.8 billion) to save the country’s car industry from huge losses wrought by virus lockdowns, and wants to use the crisis to make France the No. 1 producer of electric vehicles in Europe.

Starting next week, consumers can get up to 12,000 euros from the government for buying an electric car under the “historic” plan unveiled Tuesday by French President Emmanuel Macron.

“Our country wouldn’t be the same without its great brands – Renault, Peugeot, Citroen,” Macron said, decrying an “unprecedented crisis” for the industry that has seen production plunge more than 90 percent in France alone.

Carmakers and governments around the world are grappling with similar losses. Politicians are divided over whether and how to bail out an industry that already won billions in government support a decade ago after the 2008 financial crisis – and that was already facing major new costs and disruption with growing demand for autonomous and cleaner cars.

Macron’s 8-billion-euro plan includes a 5-billion-euro French government loan guarantee under discussion for struggling French automaker Renault, but not the millions the

government has already spent on temporary unemployment payments to auto workers told to stay home for weeks to keep the virus at bay.

The new plan includes government subsidies to encourage consumers to scrap their old cars and buy lower-emissions models, and longer-term investment in innovative technology. Macron set a goal of producing 1 million electric cars in France by 2025.

“Our country should embody this avant-garde,” he said. “We need not only to save (the industry) but transform it.”

Macron’s plan appears ambitious. Battery-powered cars are still only a fraction of auto sales in Europe, though manufacturers are focusing on them to meet the European Union’s carbon emissions targets.

The biggest European maker of battery-powered and plug-in hybrid cars is Germany’s BMW, followed closely by Renault, but U.S.-based Tesla sells more than either, according to trade magazine EV Volumes. Germany is also the biggest European market for electric cars, and the country’s manufacturers are ramping up their offerings.

French unions blockaded a Renault plant in western France on Tuesday, fearing fallout from the virus could lead to widespread job losses and factory closures. Bailouts a decade ago included a government bonus plan that encour-

aged consumers to buy newer cars, though that didn’t prevent thousands of job cuts.

Renault is expected to announce a \$2.2 billion cost-cutting plan to unions this week, and Macron said that the Renault loan guarantee is contingent on keeping open two key French factories.

France’s auto industry employs 400,000 people and is a big part of its manufacturing sector, but shuttered showrooms and suspended production as the virus swept across the country in March. The country started easing restrictions on May 11.

The plan to support the industry comes at a crucial time for carmaker Renault, which came into the virus crisis in bad shape after the 2018 arrest of its star CEO Carlos Ghosn. The French finance minister warned that the company’s survival is at stake, and Renault and Nissan have scheduled an announcement Wednesday that is expected to address the future of their alliance.

PSA Group, which makes Peugeot and Citroen cars, is in better shape after years of cost-cutting under CEO Carlos Tavares. PSA reported record profits last year, but has also seen sales plunge amid virus lockdowns. It is in the process of merging with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles to create the world’s fourth-largest auto maker.

U.S. automakers haven’t received direct government help yet but car dealers and auto suppliers can ap-

ply for low-interest loans. Some U.S. some politicians don’t want to bail out carmakers again after they got huge bailouts after the 2008 financial crisis.

In Germany, automakers are pressing for car purchase incentives to support major employers and prevent layoffs. The idea is opposed by some legislators in Chancellor Angela Merkel’s conservative party and by an expert council of economists, who advised tax breaks and lower energy costs for all companies instead of singling out one industry for help. A decision on the issue could come as early as next week.

Italian-American Fiat Chrysler, which has its corporate headquarters in the Netherlands and its financial base in Britain, confirmed this month a request for an Italian state-backed loan worth 6.3 billion euros (\$6.9 billion). The move set off debate in Italy over whether such money should be made available to companies with legal headquarters overseas.

Britain’s government is considering bailing out companies whose demise would disproportionately affect the economy, on a “last resort basis.” The Financial Times reported Sunday that Jaguar Land Rover was among those approaching the government to acquire stakes as part of a broader manufacturing bailout. And supercar maker McLaren Group on Tuesday said it would cut 1,200 jobs – a quarter of its workforce.





Congratulations
Class of 2020

Celebrating Manchester graduates

Graduation message to students and parents

Friday, July 17 set for ceremony, with July 18 as a back-up

By **DR. JON LIPPE**
Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

After gathering information from the Indiana Department of Education, Gov. Eric Holcomb, area high schools and the Wabash County Board of Health, we have finalized a date to honor the Class of 2020 with a graduation celebration. Although no plan honoring you will be “traditional,” nor is there a perfect plan to accommodate everyone, we knew we wanted to find a way for you to all be together one last time. Therefore, Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School will plan to hold a graduation ceremony on the evening of Friday, July 17. We recognize there will continue to be restrictions in place, even in July, and we acknowledge this ceremony may not be exactly as it has been in the past. However, our goal is to create a plan that honors our traditions in which you are with your

classmates one last time while allowing a restricted number of onsite observers to celebrate with you. We also recognize that while one of our goals as a state is to make it to stage 5 by July 4, as our governor has outlined, we understand that we may need to conduct ourselves in a certain way with certain restrictions due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19. We will monitor the situation and make adjustments as necessary, but be assured that we will make every attempt to have a celebration on that date with Saturday, July 18 being used as the back-up date. We will continue to push out more information regarding the details of the ceremony, but for now, we wanted you to have these dates for planning purposes. With a planned celebration now on the horizon, I wish you all of the best as you finish up the last couple of weeks of eLearning and prepare for the next chapter of our lives. Stay the course, be diligent and stay safe, Squires. *Dr. Jon Lippe is principal of Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.*

2020 Manchester High School graduates

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According to Manchester Community Schools, the following Manchester High School students are this year’s graduates:

- Reece Adamiec
- Brianna Addair
- Keely Anderson
- Tyler Andritsch
- William Anguilm
- Hannah Ayres
- Tayler Ayres
- Emma Bechtold
- Erica Bennett
- Alissa Bickerstaff
- Ashley Bragg
- Gabriella Brewer
- Abbygail Brister
- Cindy Brovont
- Cindy Brovont
- Trey Clark
- Haley Clifford
- Isaac Cochran
- Shelby Collins
- Devin Corn
- Thane Creager
- Greta Cunningham
- Madison Damron
- Evangelina Daugherty
- Mackenzie Day
- Sydney Diefenbaugh
- Caitlyn Dietl
- Colton Dietl
- Isabela Dockter
- Jade Dotson
- Kamryn Durden
- Kyrsten Eakright
- Madison Evans
- Levi Fields
- Johnna Garza
- Shaylea Gatchel
- Zachary Gowen
- Ashelynn Grant
- Lydia Greer
- Brant Grindle
- Addie Haecker
- Denver Hall
- Drake Hatfield
- Kiera Hatfield
- Kevin Heiman
- Ian Helms
- Klayton Hendrix
- Korbin Hensley
- Diego Hernandez
- Garrett Hoerd
- Bethany Hollinger
- Christopher Hunt
- Joseph Irons
- Meghanne Jones
- Andrea Kahn
- Bryce Kamphues
- Rovjot Kaur
- Chase Kerr
- Azaan Khan
- Samantha Kissell

- Hunter Klutz
- Kreedon Krull
- Harley Kruschwitz
- Michael Learned
- Chad Lewis
- Klay Little
- Keaton Love
- Zachary Mangham
- Devin Marcum
- Patrian Marcum
- Samuel Martindale
- Allison Martynowicz
- Timothy Maser
- Seaira Mayle
- Erin McKee
- Taylor McLaughlin
- Samantha Metzger
- Sarah Metzger
- Skyler Michel
- Chase Miller
- Haylie Miller
- Jason Miller
- Lisa Miller
- Bailey Mooney
- Ashton Moore
- Keeton Moore
- Kevin Morales
- Dominic Morris
- Abby Newell
- Cale Parson
- Sarah Pegg
- Chase Porter
- Dakota Prater
- Anna Pyle
- Rebekah Pyle
- Samuel Reichenbach
- Gage Risner
- Tyce Rooney
- Drake Sare
- Hanna Schlemmer
- Madisyn Schmidt
- Justin Self
- Ranissa Shambarger
- Riley Shaneberger
- Payton Sharp
- Jaynie Shepherd
- Karter Shepherd
- Keegan Shockome
- Noah Shoemaker
- Maxwell Shull
- Elizabeth Sisco
- Cooper Slone
- Kora Slone
- Tracy Smith
- Avery Snyder
- John Spangle
- Hunter Sparks
- Jasmine Spencer
- Sara Stanton
- Caleb Stout
- Charles Twigg
- Austin Underwood
- Marielle Van
- Sarah Wagner
- Ashley Walls
- Robert Wardwell
- Jazlynn West
- Karrigan Yard

Top Manchester High School students

Co-valedictorians are Justin Self, Avery Snyder; salutatorian is Caleb Stout

STAFF REPORT

Justin Self and Avery Snyder have been named co-valedictorians, and Caleb Stout has been named salutatorian for the class of 2020 at Manchester Junior-Senior High School, accord to a press release. Self and Snyder both have a GPA of 4.0 and Caleb has a 3.99 grade point average after seven semesters.

Avery Snyder

Avery Snyder has earned Academic Excellence and highest honor roll honors for four years of high school. As a member of the National Honor Society, she served as the chapter president this year. She participated in student council, journalism, choir, theatre and has received awards from the English department. She has excelled every year of high school in Science Olympiad where she was decorated at both regional and state levels of competition. Snyder has received perfect attendance, scholar-athlete status, and community service recognition. Recently she was named as Indiana Academic All-Star for the class of 2020. Athletically, Snyder served as the boys’ soccer team manager and participated in softball for three years where she was named most improved.

After graduating from high school with an academic honors diploma, Avery plans to attend Indiana State to major in biology with a specialization in genetics and a minor in Spanish. She then plans to continue her education to pursue a career in genetic counseling. She is the daughter of Kurt and Erica Snyder. Her grandparents are Ed and Reneta Bolen.

Justin Self

Justin Self has earned Academic Excellence and highest honor roll during all four years of high school. Justin is a member of the National Honor Society and served as secretary. He participated in the Germany exchange program. Throughout his four years of high school, Justin has perfect attendance. He has been



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Avery Snyder has been named co-valedictorian.



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Justin Self has been named co-valedictorian.

involved in choir, school musicals, and theatre productions. Justin participated in the Wabash County Honor Choir. He has been actively involved in the Manchester Church of the Brethren youth group. Athletically, Justin played baseball and soccer for four years and basketball for two years. He was a key member of the soccer team that won a sectional championship this past fall. He received TRC All-Conference and Academic All-Conference awards for two years. Justin served as the captain of the soccer team for two years. After graduating from high school with an Academic Honors Diploma, Justin plans to attend Valparaiso University to study Data Science. He is the son of Randy and Brenda



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Caleb Stout has been named salutatorian.

Caleb Stout

Caleb Stout has earned Academic Excellence and highest honor roll all four years of high school. Caleb has been recognized as a member of the National Honor Society. His awards include Rising Star of Indiana and excellent Spanish student awards. He has been active in Campus Life CORE, church youth group leader and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. His extracurricular activities and athletic involvement include four years of basketball where he achieved Academic All State Honorable Mention, team captain and mental attitude award recipient for two years. He also participated in boys soccer for four years where he was a key member of the sectional championship team this past fall. Stout was recognized as team captain, golden boot award recipient and leadership award. Stout was also chosen for TRC All conference in soccer for three years. After graduating from high school with an Academic Honors Diploma, Caleb will attend Indiana Wesleyan University to study Christian ministries. After college, he will pursue a career as a pastor or an athletic chaplain. Stout is the son of Kurt and Heidi Stout. His grandparents are Randy and Sharon Fruitt; and Cynthia and the late Allen Stout.



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Noah Shoemaker graduated from Manchester High School in October 2019.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: NOAH SHOEMAKER

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[Editor’s note: The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer.com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClasof2020 to participate.]

The following Senior Spotlight was submitted by Patricia Barger-Shoemaker: “My senior Noah Shoemaker makes me proud every day! He worked hard and graduated at Manchester High School in October. He works two jobs, full time at Shepherd’s Chevrolet in the detail shop and part-time on our family farm. He’s overcome so many obstacles as a kid (deaf hard of hearing, breaking his tibia, fibula and dislocating his ankle) but still has remained confident. He has done great things with 4-H and has always helped out on the farm. He makes me proud every day!”

CONGRATULATIONS



TO THE CLASS OF 2020

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